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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: NOTICE OF A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ATIDUMPING DUTY
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FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: NOTICE OF A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ATIDUMPING
DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLER FLAT-ROLLED
CARBON QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL (A-351-828)

1. ON FEBRUARY 19, 1999, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED
IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF
SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY
INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-
QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON- QUALITY STEEL

PRODUCTS OF A RECTANGULAR SHAPE, OF A WIDTH OF 0.5 INCH OR GREATER, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL AND WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, IN COILS (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS) REGARDLESS OF THICKNESS, AND IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MM AND OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS. UNIVERSAL MILL PLATE (I.E., FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS ROLLED ON FOUR FACES OR IN A CLOSED BOX PASS, OF A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1250 MM AND OF A THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4 MM, NOT IN COILS AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF) OF A THICKNESS NOT LESS THAN 4.0 MM IS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF")) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAINS MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, REGARDLESS OF HTSUS DEFINITIONS, ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: 1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS; 2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT; AND 3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY, BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED:

1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR
1.50 PERCENT OF SILICON, OR
1.00 PERCENT OF COPPER, OR
0.50 PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, OR

1.25 PERCENT OF CHROMIUM, OR
0.30 PERCENT OF COBALT, OR
0.40 PERCENT OF LEAD, OR
1.25 PERCENT OF NICKEL, OR
0.30 PERCENT OF TUNGSTEN, OR
0.012 PERCENT OF BORON, OR
0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR
0.10 PERCENT OF NIOBIUM, OR
0.41 PERCENT OF TITANIUM, OR
0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR
0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:

ALLOY HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS EXCEEDS THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING E.G., ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A543, A387, A514, A517, AND A506).

SAE/AISI GRADES OF SERIES 2300 AND HIGHER.

BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

SILICO-MANGANESE (AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS) OR SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL WITH A SILICON LEVEL EXCEEDING 1.50 PERCENT.

ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A710 AND A736.

USS ABRASION-RESISTANT STEELS (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.14%

MN 0.90% MAX

P 0.025% MAX

S 0.005% MAX

SI 0.30 - 0.50%

CR 0.50 - 0.70%
CU 0.20 - 0.40%
NI 0.20% MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS
0.063 - 0.198 INCHES; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 50,000 KSI
MINIMUM; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 - 88,000 PSI.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING
CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.16%
MN 0.70 - 0.90%
P 0.025% MAX
S 0.006% MAX
SI 0.30 - 0.50%
CR 0.50 - 0.70%
CU 0.25% MAX
NI 0.20% MAX
MO 0.21% MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS
0.350 INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 KSI
MINIMUM; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING
CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.14%
MN 1.30 - 1.80%
P 0.025% MAX
S 0.005% MAX
SI 0.30 - 0.50%
CR 0.50 - 0.70%
CU 0.20 - 0.40%
NI 0.20% MAX
V(WT.) 0.10 MAX
CB 0.08% MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.350 INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 KSI MINIMUM; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C	0.15% MAX
MN	1.40% MAX
P	0.025% MAX
S	0.010% MAX
SI	0.50% MAX
CR	1.00% MAX
CU	0.50% MAX
NI	0.20% MAX
NB	0.005% MIN
CA	TREATED
AL	0.01 - 0.07%

WIDTH EQUALS 39.37 INCHES; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.181 INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 PSI MINIMUM FOR THICKNESSES LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.148 INCHES AND 65,000 PSI MINIMUM FOR THICKNESSES GREATER THAN 0.148 INCHES; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 PSI MINIMUM.

HOT-ROLLED DUAL PHASE STEEL, PHASE-HARDENED, PRIMARILY WITH A FERRITIC-MARTENSITIC MICROSTRUCTURE, CONTAINS 0.9 PERCENT UP TO AND INCLUDING 1.5 PERCENT SILICON BY WEIGHT, FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY EITHER (I) TENSILE STRENGTH BETWEEN 540 N/MM AND 640 N/MM AND AN ELONGATION PERCENTAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 26 PERCENT FOR THICKNESSES OF 2 MM AND ABOVE, OR (II) A TENSILE STRENGTH BETWEEN 590 N/MM AND 690 N/MM AND AN ELONGATION PERCENTAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 25 PERCENT FOR THICKNESSES OF 2MM AND ABOVE.

HOT-ROLLED BEARING QUALITY STEEL, SAE GRADE 1050, IN

COILS, WITH AN INCLUSION RATING OF 1.0 MAXIMUM PER ASTM E 45, METHOD A, WITH EXCELLENT SURFACE QUALITY AND CHEMISTRY RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWS: 0.012 PERCENT MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS, 0.015 PERCENT MAXIMUM SULFUR, AND 0.20 PERCENT MAXIMUM RESIDUALS INCLUDING 0.15 PERCENT MAXIMUM CHROMIUM.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS") AT SUBHEADINGS: 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00. CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING: VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED; HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY; AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEEL MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER THE FOLLOWING TARIFF NUMBERS: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, AND 7226.99.00.00. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 19, 1999. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 1999, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND

EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

COMPANHIA SIDERURGICA NACIONAL

A-351-828-001 50.66

USINAS SIDERURGICAS
DE MINAS GERAIS

A-351-828-002 71.02

COMPANHIA SIDERURGICA PAULISTA

A-351-828-003 71.02

ALL OTHERS

A-351-828-000 58.76

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT MAUREEN MCPHILLIPS OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0193.
5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party